

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2845 - SB 3015

March 25, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the county commission of any county having a population of 800,000 or more according to the 2000 or any subsequent federal census to designate a division of the county's general sessions court as the mental health court. Specifies that such court is granted the power to hear cases involving petitions filed under Title 33 (Mental Health Law) and mental health commitments. Specifies that such court shall strive to identify and provide treatment and services to the mentally ill, developmentally disabled or dually diagnosed or persons with a history of alcohol or drug abuse, provide a single point of contact, and provide case management, forensic alternative community treatment and community-based services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

Estimate assumes to the extent an affected local government chooses to designate a mental health court they will experience an increase in expenditures from the additional costs associated with such a court in particular the requirement that the court provide for a single point of contact, case management and community treatment.

Note: The affected local government may be able to offset some of their additional costs with state or federal grant assistance if it is available.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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